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LEST WE FORGET • Veterans watch on stage as residents and service groups place wreaths in remembrance. Nearly 300 people turned out at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, Nov. 11, to pay tribute.

Province tells town: stick with your lagoons

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
 Didsbury Review

Didsbury was prepared to lead the county with an innovative mechanical treatment system but after a meeting with government last week, town officials shelved the project.

"We were told that because it was a technology not currently in use we'd have to do a lot of upfront engineering and consulting work to prove the system will do what it claims to," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"We'd also need open houses to show the public the system...and at the end of the day the government can't guarantee it will even approve the project."

Town officials met with Alberta Environment and Alberta Infrastructure November 9 to discuss options for waste management. It was told it would be best to stay with the existing lagoons.

Over the summer, town employees sought better, cost efficient ways to manage wastewater and came up with a mechanical treatment plant. The facility would hold three

times the effluent as the lagoons and could clean wastewater in hours, rather than years.

But the original plant proposal would release chemically treated grey water into the Rosebud River year-round - an act Alberta Environment nixed last September.

The government regulatory body said it was concerned aquatic life would be battered by the constant release of noxious water and suggested the town combine its mechanical treatment proposal with existing lagoons. The plant would store grey water in the holding ponds seven months a year and release into the Rosebud twice, once in the spring and fall.

It was a suggestion the town was prepared to follow through until it met with the two ministries.

"We were told that if we did this new system, it would mean delays...we could go back to the drawing board several times before we got it right," Wittal said.

"And we really don't have that time. We are coming close to maximum capacity with our lagoons."

The lagoons can handle effluent from a population of

5,000 and it's estimated the community is over the 4,500 mark.

If the town wants to build or upgrade its waste management system, the government said it's more likely to invest in existing lagoons than new developments. And with a tight budget this year, the town needs government grants.

"This doesn't mean (the mechanical plant) is totally out...it's not being thrown aside but evaluated more strictly with a precautionary approach," said Brittany Hutton, manager of planning and infrastructure for the Town of Didsbury.

She said the community may not receive government funding right away and in the meantime can look for new and better solutions for wastewater management.

On November 23, council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. to announce its new cost estimate for lagoon upgrades.

The original number was \$22 million, but that was based on an eight per cent growth rate. Hutton expects we are now at a growth rate of three per cent, which could lower the cost of fixing the holding ponds.



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Teenager piper plays tribute to veterans

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Jesse Morales was enchanted with bagpipes nine years ago when he heard a piper play for Remembrance Day. Last week, the 14-year-old awed school children with tunes of his own.

"I really liked it...when I heard his music, I almost had to dance Scottish," said Roddy Langhor, 7, after the Remembrance Day ceremony at Ross Ford Elementary.

Adrianna Wonnacott, 8, agreed.
"It was a little loud, but I liked it a lot," she said.

This was Morales' second year playing the pipes for elementary-aged children. He also took part in the tribute to veterans at Westlen Middle School and the Olds High School.

"This is really cool. It's my chance to show kids how important Remembrance Day is and how we need to respect what (veterans) have done," he said.

"And maybe...after hearing me play they will get involved with the instrument like I did."

When Morales was five years old, he watched local bagpiper, Mike McAdam honour veterans with traditional wartime sounds. He's wanted to pick up the instrument ever since.

His mom, Tammy, said for years her son begged and pleaded to learn the pipes.

"I didn't know where it came from...I

mean Jesse has no Scottish heritage at all. I thought perhaps it was a phase," she said.

And if he were serious - she had no idea where he'd get lessons.

When he was 10 years old, his music teacher came up with a solution. She knew a 20-year military bagpiper - Mike McAdam - who would be willing to teach Morales what he knew. The irony wasn't lost on Morales.

"It was pretty cool," he said.

Mike McAdam, who had no idea until last week that his young pupil was inspired by his music nearly a decade ago, said he was flattered.

"I taught cadets in the military but this was more personal...and it is great that he is keeping it going," he said of the bagpiper at Ross Ford Remembrance Day ceremony.

Morales led veterans into the gym two years after McAdam first taught him the finger, arm and mouth movements for the instrument. His mother was beaming, video camera in hand.

"This is so unique...I am so proud of what he's accomplished," she said.

Morales said he plans to continue to play at these local ceremonies for as long as he's able. He is also being requested for funerals and weddings and currently teaches the instrument to two students at Top Note Music School.

"I love what I do...and in my mind's eye I see other people doing what I am doing and...I like that."



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review
Jesse Morales pipes the Lament during Remembrance Day services at the Cenotaph last week.

Town could pay for police in 2012

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Town officials will inherit new responsibilities over local law enforcement services once this community reaches 5,000 people, including financing police wages.

Paying for law enforcement services is nothing new to this town, which shelled out dollars for nearly a decade before the

Police Act changed in 2005.

"We were paying \$400,000 a year because we were over the 2,500 limit - when the province stopped paying for police," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

That meant an approximate \$4 million bill, until 2005 when outcries from small municipalities prompted the province to give communities a reprieve.

Towns now pay 70 per cent of the province's

police service bill when residents number 5,000. The cost includes fees for equipment, transportation and supply - as well as approximately \$100,000 to \$120,000 per annum for every police member.

The remaining 30 per cent of costs will be picked up by the province through grants and returned fine revenue.

"These are tax dollars we will have to find...and a yearly expense we have to

prepare for now because it's not going to be a cheap thing," Wittal said.

Although putting aside tax dollars when there's already a budget squeeze, could mean other projects are sidelined or pushed back, he said.

This week, the town will be attending an RCMP information session in Airdrie to discuss its new responsibilities - which could start as early as 2012. Wittal expects the 2011 census will officially show

Didsbury at a population of 5,000, and a year later council will be expected to pay up.

That is, unless the Police Act changes before then.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security said it is working on a comprehensive framework that examines public accountability, modernizes service delivery and creates an equitable funding model.

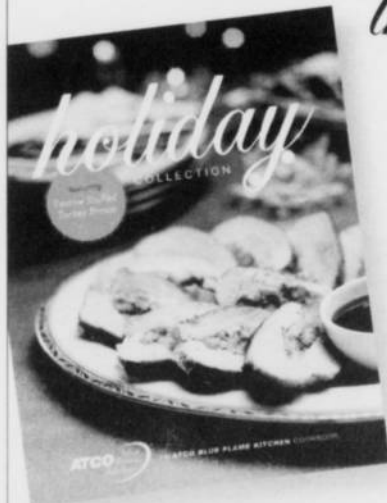
"Our end goal is to make

a more equitable funding model because so many municipalities don't believe it's equitable," said Eilish Lemieux, spokesperson for the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

She said one suggestion from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), is for the province to pay for the first 5,000 people and 35 per capita thereafter.

"We could very well have a new system in place (in two years)," she said.

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First responders get vaccine

Seniors are next in line

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Announcements that first responders can be among those standing in line for the H1N1 flu shot this week is welcome news for the Didsbury fire department.

"We are assisting ambulance services when they are busy and there's some potential for the guys to come in contact with the flu," said Bob Wright, deputy fire chief.

"We take precautions with gloves, gowns and masks...but this is an extra measure to make sure these guys don't take anything home to their families."

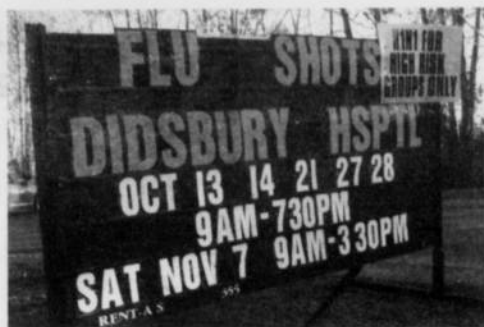
On November 13 and 14 Alberta Health Services accepted the last eligible high-risk groups to vaccination clinics. The newest editions include those between 18 and 44 years old who have chronic conditions and people who are in contact with children under six months old.

Beginning November 16, the medical superboard arranged with communities to inoculate first responders and public security personnel, like firefighters, police and ambulance workers. It also announced that seniors over the age of 75 and their spouses or partners can get the vaccine today and all seniors are eligible for the inoculation on Thursday. The next local clinic opens November 18.

"We have covered the highest risk groups in the first tier of priorities, now we are moving to the next risk groups," said Dr. Martin Lavoie, Alberta's deputy chief medical officer of health.

The province is basing its rollout on sequence suggestions from the Public Health Agency of Canada, which means first responders, poultry and swine workers and adults 65 and over will be next in line.

Wright said he believes his group is right where it belongs in the queue, though emergency medical services personnel should have been the first in line.



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"We are getting it in the order we should be...but EMS should have gotten it with the nurses and hospital staff before pregnant women, mothers and babies," he said.

"They are needed to get sick patients to the hospital."

Wright said some of the volunteer firefighters were waiting in lines when the vaccine first arrived three weeks ago, though there are still firefighters who'd like the shot. They don't want to bring home the virulent flu to their children, nor do they want to cut down on the volunteers able to douse fires or assist ambulance workers.

Alberta Health Services also announced last week that more vaccine will be available, now that GlaxoSmithKline's unadjuvanted vaccine is approved.

It can be used to vaccinate healthy adults, beyond expectant mothers, giving adults the opportunity to choose what vaccine - adjuvanted or unadjuvanted - they'd like to get.

According to Lavoie, the opportunity to choose between vaccines could arrive as early as this week.

Council supports cellphone ban

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Town council is the latest group to back calls for a ban on talking and texting while driving.

On November 10, councillors voted to join the Coalition for Cellphone-Free Driving, an organization pushing provincial lawmakers to prohibit drivers from using cellphones and hands-free devices.

The town already has a policy to prevent distracted driving and this is seen as the next step in supporting safe practices.

Mayor Brian Wittal said it's his hope that by practising what they preach and aligning with the coalition, councillors can lead drivers in turning off their gadgets.

"We are so used to doing business on the road...but if you look at it from a safety perspective...it's an accident waiting to happen," he said.

Drivers are distracted by conversation or texting while moving 100 kilometres per hour. It's dangerous, Wittal said.

Dr. Louis Francescutti, an injury researcher for the University of Alberta and the man behind the coalition, knows first hand how fatal talking and driving can be.

As an emergency physician at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, he's seen his share of carnage.

"The only reason I started this (coalition) was to try and show people there are drivers dying needlessly while this government is waiting to come up with something," he said.

The province has made it clear, it doesn't want to create legislation just for cellphone use - rather it wants an umbrella policy to prevent eating, makeup application and cellphone use while driving. It has been looking for ways to create this policy since 2007.

"We continue...you know researching this and especially looking at how legislations that other provinces are putting in place are working for them in reducing collisions on the road," said Martin Dupuis, spokesperson for the Ministry of Transportation.

The government of Alberta has also not yet created an internal policy to prevent employees from using electronic devices, as some municipalities like Didsbury have done.

"(The government) pretends it is doing the right thing by taking years to create a big ban...but it's not makeup application or eating that is the major problem," said Francescutti.

"I mean how long does it take you to put on lipstick or eat a burger compared to having a conversation on your phone? The phones are the biggest danger."

Provinces like British Columbia are implementing

bans on drivers using hand-held phones, but they are allowing hands-free devices.

There is also a private member's bill - Bill 204 - in Alberta's parliament, which calls for a ban on hand-held phones.

Francescutti calls the policies faulty and say they could do more harm than good.

"You are telling people hands-free is OK...but it isn't the device as much as the conversation that is distracting drivers. We can't multitask."

Minds are engaged on conversation, prompting drivers to have slow reaction time or lose peripheral vision, he said.

The Didsbury police detachment often gets reports of drunk drivers, only to discover people chatting or texting and not paying attention to the road.

"It is not a safe practice and certainly from a policing perspective we can see the benefits towards drivers not being distracted while driving," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The Coalition for Cellphone-Free Driving has collected over 30 members including Parkland County

and the National Safety Council.

Francescutti's students involved in the initiative offer to help businesses, municipalities and counties develop cellphone policies. In return, those organizations can opt into the coalition.

"I think this generation is far more hooked up to their phones and what I worry about is that we will continue to see carnage on roadways as a result," said Francescutti.

"We need laws in place now."

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Opinion

Commentary The albatross around Western Canada's future

ROBERT ROACH

Western Canada is routinely described as a "resource-based" economy. This is true as far as it goes; natural resources are major industries in the region and they drive all sorts of other economic activity.

This observation obscures the fact that Western Canada, like most post-industrial societies, is largely a service economy. More westerners work in the health and education sectors than in the resource sector. "Resource-based" conjures images of rig workers, loggers, farmers and miners but misses the fact that most westerners live in cities doing jobs far removed from the resource sector.

The real problem is the effect that the resource-based image has on how people think about the western Canadian economy and its future. As important as the resources are to the West, they poison creative thinking about other aspects of the economy.

In meeting after meeting that I have attended about the western Canadian economy, at least one well-intentioned participant either starts the meeting or ends it with the same proclamation: "This is all well and good, but remember that natural resources are our bread and butter."

In one fell swoop, this mantra downgrades the status of economic strategies that do not focus on natural resources. As a result, creative thinking is treated like a little kid — it may be indulged to some degree, but rarely is it taken very seriously.

This, of course, is a big mistake for two reasons.

First, it hampers our ability to diversify the economy — not away from natural resources, but in addition to them. The point is not to abandon our bounty of natural resources, but to expand beyond them.

Second, the traditional emphasis on natural resources perpetuates our overreliance on the bottom end of the economic value chain. Pulling stuff out of the ground, whacking down trees and growing grain all contribute to the western Canadian economy, but they also rely on highly volatile commodity markets and do not capture the value that can be added to them down the line.

To counter this, we have spent a lot of time and energy on figuring out ways to add value to our natural resources before we sell them to other countries. This is worthwhile, but it only takes us so far in the global economy of today and tomorrow. The big problem with this is that we do not have the comparative advantage of jurisdictions that can add value at lower cost. Our true comparative advantage does not lie in natural resources or value-added processing; it lies in our brainpower.

This is why it is useful for us to engage in a thought experiment. What we need to do is imagine that Western Canada suddenly has no natural resources. Would we fold up our tents and move on? Or would we take the advantages that remain such as the rule of law, an open society, great cities, modern infrastructure and highly educated citizens and apply these to other economic pursuits?

After all, these are the reasons we have escaped the fate of other places that have natural resources but not the broad prosperity we enjoy here in Western Canada.

I like to think that we would not fold up our tents and that we would find ways to leapfrog over whole sections of the value chain. We would become, as we are to some degree already, the designers of new technology, the owners of international enterprises, the teachers of others and the brains behind all sorts of new and profitable ventures. Creativity, research and development and commercialization all have to be put on economic steroids for the West to prosper over the long-term. This is a tall order, but it can be filled with creative thinking, hard work and risk-taking.

Despite this, our thinking seems to always come back to "but we have natural resources and we ignore them at our peril." This is the albatross around our economic neck, not a lack of ideas, capital or foresight.

Robert Roach is a director with the Canada West Foundation



Letter to the editor

Resident questions safety of H1N1 vaccine

The Public Health Agency of Canada claims, "Scientific studies have shown that the vaccination against the pandemic H1N1 flu virus is safe and effective." We are talking about an agency which works hand in hand with drug companies who are given billions of our tax dollars to develop experimental flu vaccines each year — drug companies employing scientists who do not conduct "randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled studies" in relation to a vaccine. Meaning the validity of a vaccination's true effectiveness is merely a pharmaceutical "opinion."

Yes, the ingredients of a vaccination are individually subject to controlled studies, but the vaccine in its entirety is not subject to a controlled study. Meaning our public health agency does not truly know the effectiveness of any given vaccination nor the short- and/or long-term side effects.

Ever wonder why one needs to sign a "release" form prior to receiving a vaccination? Our public health agency does not want to be held liable for any adverse reactions

due to inoculation. If a vaccination was "safe and effective" you wouldn't think one would need to worry about legalities, would you?

After doing some research, I find a number of different H1N1 flu vaccines containing ingredients like formaldehyde which is a scientifically proven carcinogen, polysorbate 80 which is scientifically proven to cause sterility, squalene which is a scientifically proven neurotoxin, thimerosal which is a form of mercury and a scientifically proven neurotoxin, monosodium glutamate, more commonly known as MSG which can cause any number of allergic reactions from migraines to anaphylactic shock, (people with a gluten intolerance will react adversely to a vaccine containing MSG). Do those ingredients sound "safe and effective" to you?

While the media is constantly telling us of the seriousness of the H1N1 virus and the importance of the vaccination, (granted, it's being shoved down their throats by our health agency), it is still no excuse as to why the media does not seem

to be sharing the other side of the story with the public. For example: the complete lack of scientific study of the vaccination in its entirety, the dangerous ingredients in the vaccine, the vaccine's adverse side effects. While publicizing the outrage of the Calgary Flames and their families butting in line to be inoculated, they seemed to have missed the much more important case of a two-year-old Sundre resident who had a seizure immediately after receiving the vaccination. Which story do you find more important?

An individual needs to know the positives and negatives related to the H1N1 vaccine, (or any vaccine for that matter), in order to make a truly informed decision on whether or not to be personally inoculated and/or vaccinate one's children. Yes, any strain of the flu virus can be potentially life-threatening, just remember though, any given vaccine has the potential to be life-threatening as well!

Do your research; don't blindly trust our biased health agency.

Tamara Chaney,
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Library trustees plead for big budget increase

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Library trustees went cap in hand to town council this month, looking to fatten next year's bare-bones budget.

Citing depleted reserves, below average employee wages and rising library use, board members implored council to increase the budget by \$25,000 or a total \$140,000 appropriation.

Council took the plea as information and won't announce a decision until the budget is revealed early next year.

"Whether to take that big of a jump right now all comes down to budget and what we are looking to do elsewhere," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"Certainly this is something council is aware of and...we will do what we can."

The Didsbury Municipal Library is hoping for good news. It has been struggling for the last six years -

depleting all of its emergency reserves and dropping three to five dollars below the average wage for Alberta library workers.

The board says the problem is that it listened to advice from town administrators, who said the library should not ask for more of a percentage increase than the current cost of living allowance.

The suggestion gave the library an additional three or four per cent each year, which was not enough. As a result, the board fell behind wage offerings of other facilities in the Parkland Regional Library district and was forced to ask for a large increase this month.

Before going to council for the extra dollars, library manager Inez Kosinski said she tried to squeeze out monies by cutting library services, such as the book budget for 2010. But she can only slash so much with rising public demand and increased circulation of books, music and videos.

"Use keeps going up...especially during hard econom-

ic times," Kosinski said.

"And people come here for more than just books...when the economy first tanked last fall I couldn't count the number of men who came in looking for help creating resumes or applying for jobs online."

The appropriation the board is asking for will be mainly used to bring employee wages to par with the provincial averages and help the library attract new, qualified clerks and programmers. As well, the money will allow the centre to open Mondays and prevent any future services from being slashed.

The board said last week that they know council is making hard decisions this year with a tight budget and fewer government grants, but it hopes councillors will still choose to invest in library services.

"This library has always aspired to excellence and to think it may not be able to do that anymore is really disheartening - so yes I think they will find the money because the alternative is not a good one," Kosinski said.

Didsbury couple brings holiday cheer overseas

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Dan Peters will play the part of Santa Claus to more than 300 orphans, widows and sick children this Christmas when he travels to Rwanda, Africa.

This is his second trip overseas to bring holiday spirit to people who often have little to cheer about.

Money is raised through Home of Hope, an organization which sponsors orphans and widows in Rwanda and India, and is wired to the continent for Peters, a volunteer, to spend.

"We don't just want to send over a box of toys. These kids have nothing, so we want to make sure they get things that could make a difference in their lives - be that food, bedding or clothing," Peters said.

"By buying there, we can also support the local economy."

The children receiving this taste of Christmas, range from those found in an outhouse toilet to children who've had their parents killed by genocide. They live in rural areas of Rwanda with guardians or widows.

Peters said a caregiver from Home of Hope checks in with

the family regularly to make sure donations from the organization are improving the lives of children.

Since the caregivers are in constant contact with the family and in the know for what the children need most, they will help Peters pick out gifts for Santa's sack.

Peters, who will be accompanied by his wife, Ev, said he is looking forward to seeing the reaction of the children this winter when they see the presents.

"Last year we handed over the gifts and the kids just went absolutely nuts...they were blown away."

Some of the children received notebooks, while others got clothes and soccer balls. Twenty dollars usually buys the basics, like school supplies and food and larger dollar amounts purchase higher-cost essentials, like bikes, mattresses or water purifiers.

Brian Thomson, director of Home of Hope, said approximately \$2,000 was raised in 2008 to buy Christmas treats for 80 children.

"We have been in (Rwanda) for three years now and we make this a yearly event...so children can receive a special...gift," he said.

The organization will also be handing out presents to



File photo by Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review
Dan and Ev Peters stand with the two men, Richard Bizimana and Alain Muhorane, they sponsor through a charity in Rwanda.

children at an orphanage in India.

For more information about giving gifts to children overseas call Dan Peters at (403) 335-6008.

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Ms. Canada International turns up at Remembrance Day

Title questioned

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

A Ms. Canada International 2009 who attended Didsbury's Remembrance Day ceremony last week, has residents wondering - who was this woman in red?

"She was so gracious to everybody and so very nice...but (the next) morning I got wondering, what if she isn't legitimate?" said Judy Barry, an organizer for the service, November 11.

"I did a search online and got Mrs. Canada International, Miss Canada International and Ms. Galaxy International...but none were her."

Last Wednesday, a woman wearing a flowing red ball gown and sparkling tiara, surprised dignitaries, organizers and other attendees by introducing herself as Ms. Canada International 2009. Her two teenage daughters - also wearing gowns - and her mother attended with her.

"The girls...I thought they were her princesses," said Barry.

The woman, who identified herself as Shelley Corman, laid a wreath for fallen soldiers on behalf of "the people of Canada" and after the ceremony remained behind to sign autographs and take pictures with veterans, children and the Mayor of Didsbury.

"I loved the (ceremony). It was very memorable...it's great to be a part of this," said Corman during the signing.

She said she recently moved from Calgary to Crossfield and wanted to introduce herself to the area - beginning with the residents attending the ceremony in Didsbury.

"I did shock some I think, but I enjoy surprising people," she said, smiling widely.

Corman said she won the

crown September 23, 2008 in Las Vegas, during a Ms. Canada International 2009 competition at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino.

"She was so gracious to everybody and so very nice...but (the next) morning I got wondering, what if she isn't legitimate?"

JUDY BARRY,
Remembrance Day
organizer

She was voted for online to participate in the model-focused event - where the contestants dress in bikinis and evening gowns and design their own runway show. There is no focus on platforms or value systems as traditional pageants have and it was free for her to enter the competition, she said.

When she won - she "received the crown in Vegas from the Prime Minister of Canada, who was there in Vegas," Corman said.

But according to the press secretary for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, he was never in Las Vegas, September 2008. Nor did he visit the city of sin in September this year. The

office of the Prime Minister could also find no record of Harper crowning a Ms. Canada International 2009.

The MGM Grand has no reports of a Ms. Canada International 2009 competition - or any relevant competitions and shows with Canada in the title.

According to Corman, Craig and Deanne Henderson put on the competition for the first time last year. It is unknown who the Hendersons are and whether they are associated with a corporation or organization. They contact Corman and send her to events across the province - she doesn't have their number.

The Didsbury Review contacted Deanne Henderson by e-mail last week and Henderson replied that Corman is a legitimate winner.

"She was chosen in Vegas at a modelling competition and we have 100 faith in her that she represents her title well," she wrote.

"We have been having some troubles with her site, people trying to hack into it, so we have been revamping everything and we admit it has taken some time."

The Review asked Henderson what her organization is called and how people can discover whether the contest actually occurred and did not

receive a reply.

Mary Richardson, the national director for Mrs. Canada, Miss Canada and Miss Teen Canada International said there is no connection with her pageants and Ms. Canada International. She has never heard of the competition or the name Shelley Corman.

Usually pageants don't do a Ms., competition because women are either single or married and if they are single, they can't have been married, she said.

"And that she can't be found online...who makes her who she says she is? It's bizarre."

Barry agrees. She can't find a thing on the woman in red.

"This is a mystery, I must say."



By Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Shelley Corman, Ms. Canada International 2009, is given a royal reception by organizers and veterans. She gave a surprise appearance at the Remembrance Day Service in Didsbury. Pictured with her is Second World War veteran, Joyce Mullen, 89.



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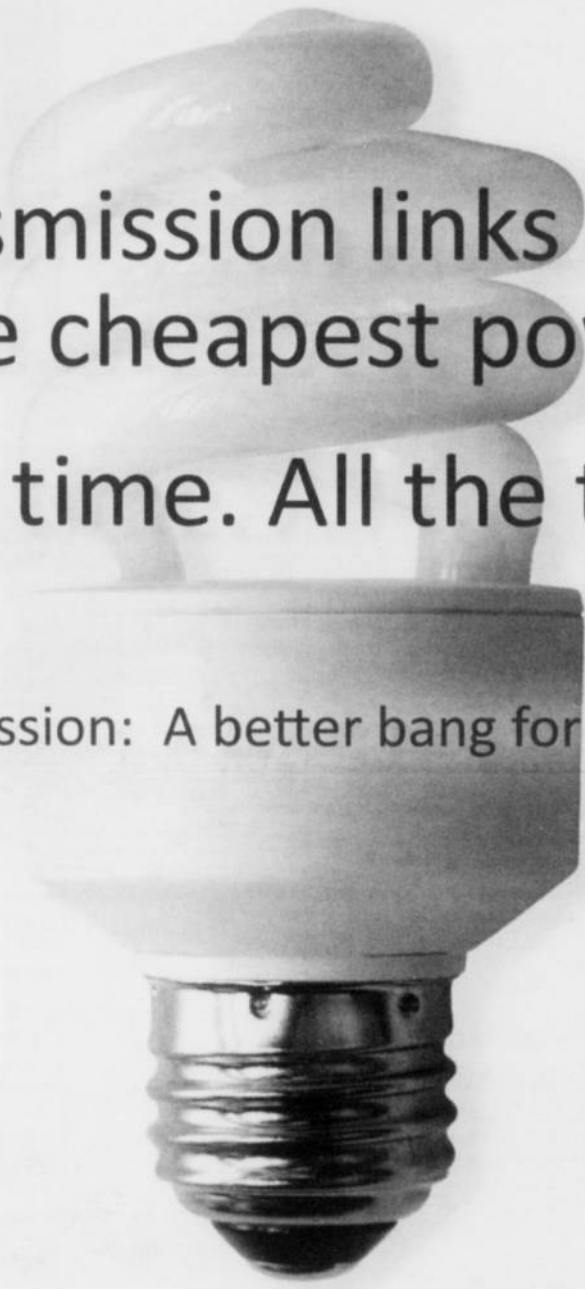
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Church Directory

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Preventing family violence

Did you know November is Family Violence Prevention Month?

During this year's "END the Silence, STOP the Violence" campaign, Albertans are encouraged to take action to help end the cycle of family violence. Please wear a purple ribbon to show your support for family violence prevention. Available resources include:

Vision 4 Non-Violence in Carstairs and Didsbury

In 2008, Carstairs Community Resource Centre became involved with Didsbury FCSS to work on a program called Vision 4 Non-Violence. You may not be aware that the CCRC has also been actively involved in preventing family violence through education and service provision since 2008. The towns' FCSS departments and other human service providers of Carstairs and Didsbury called this project "Vision 4 Non-Violence." The intention of this partnership is to facilitate a community action plan to raise awareness of family violence, address family violence service gaps in the community, and so much more.

Inspiring Change

PSSAW is committed to providing support, resources and referrals to women and children affected by domestic abuse. Inspiring Change is a rural arm of Peer Support Services for Abused Women (PSSAW) of Calgary. Carstairs FCSS, Didsbury Neighbourhood Place and Olds Neighbourhood Place are now serving the women of Mountain View County through this arm. Call (403)556-8909.

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ON GUARD - MCpl Riley Walsh holds the Canadian flag during a Remembrance Day ceremony at Westglen Middle School, Nov. 10. MCpl Kody Edinger and Sgt Ty Walsh were also part of the colour party.

By Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Women's Institute meets

SUBMITTED BY LITA REID

The November meeting of the Jackson Women's Institute was held at the home of Judy Bellamy with 12 members and one guest present.

"What to Study if we Went Back to School" roll call brought answers such as Afghanistan history, astronomy, carpentry, Spanish, Gaelic and sign languages, welding, learning to be a handyman, among other items.

Due to the H1N1 flu pandemic we will not be serv-

ing the November Birthday Tea at the Didsbury Hospital long-term care unit.

Much correspondence was dealt with expediently.

We drafted an agenda for next year's meetings, where they will be held and when our educational topics will be presented.

Host Judy Bellamy, who holds the Educational & Cultural Affairs portfolio, then introduced her guest, neighbour Sue MacIntosh. She works through an organization called Helping Hoofs, to council children with behavioural

problems.

She works mainly through Alberta Child and Family Services but has private clients as well. Her seven horses have become a means for children (and sometimes adults) to learn to trust again and work out their problems.

Marguerite Krebs and Judy Bellamy served a delicious lunch. The December meeting will be held at the home of Tresa DeGraaf at 1:30 p.m. All ladies are welcome. Please phone Dorit Bird at (403)337-2042 or Ev at (403)337-2052 for more information.

WEEKEND SCORES

TYKE 1

Didsbury 17 vs Carstairs 1

NOVICE 1 TIER 2

Didsbury 11 vs Brooks 2
Didsbury 6 vs Cochrane Tier 18

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Didsbury 15 vs Duchess 2
Didsbury 20 vs Strathmore 3

ATOMS 2

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The team keeps ticking along with the help of our trustworthy manager-Karen Rothenbusch. Without her we would be lost and confused. Coaching this high powered machine this season are Jason Brander, Bruce Dunn, Darren Jelinek and Travis Smith. Keep your eyes and ears open as the Novice Tier 2 Ramblers continue their dominating season and bring all their opponents to their knees.



Lying down: Jordan Mierke. Front row left to right: Paton Rothenbusch, Cole Robertson, Austin Overwater, Kaleb Brander, Harrison Jelinek. Back row left to right: Erron Thompson, Jett Laveck, Christian Wildt, Brodie Dunn, Carson Fischer, Koby Brander

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1st ticket drawn - Tassimo Coffee Maker - Marty Sheridan
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Tues. Nov. 17

TransCanada Theatre presents The Mocking Shadows in the Fine Arts Centre in Olds at 7 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this emerging Canadian powerhouse group! Their high energy musical style includes R&B, Soul, Funk, Ska, Reggae and Rock.

Wed. Nov. 18

TransCanada Theatre presents The Royal Canadian Artillery Jazz Big Band in the Fine Arts Centre in Olds at 7 p.m. The Royal Canadian Artillery Band, stationed in Edmonton, is one of six Canadian Forces professional musical ensembles. Come experience an evening of Big Band Jazz Music.

This is potluck dinner day at the 5-0 Club starting at 12:30 p.m. Your favourite meat dish, veggies, salad or dessert will make a lovely meal for all to enjoy.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will start at 6 p.m. in the Elks Lounge; supper is at 7 p.m. Please phone the chamber office (403) 335-3265 to confirm your attendance.

Thurs. Nov. 19

This is the afternoon that Eldon Foote Hall is open to all seniors of the town and districts. It is a great get-together followed by refreshments.

Fri. Nov. 20

The annual meeting of the Lone Pine Ag Society will start at 7 p.m. at the Lone Pine Hall. Memberships will be sold; the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Come and support the Didsbury Ramblers Hockey Association at the Annual Mouse Race and Silent Auction Nite in the MP Room at the complex after the doors open at 7:30 p.m. The Broken Heroes Band will be playing for the dance. Ask your team managers about tickets or phone Jen (403) 438-0579 and tickets also sold at the door.

Sat. Nov. 21

The Scouting Groups of Didsbury will welcome you at the MP Room in the Didsbury Complex from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Annual Sneak-a-Peak Christmas Sale. Lunch is available. Admission is a non perishable donation for the Christmas Hampers.

Sun. Nov. 22

You are welcome to come to Rosebud Hall for the Annual Ham Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The Annual Turkey Supper is being held at the Rugby Hall from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Wed. Nov. 25

The Didsbury Golf Club is having the annual general meeting at the clubhouse at 7 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.

The Didsbury Community Bus will leave the complex at 3:30 p.m. on a casino trip to Calgary. Phone Bea at (403) 335-3058 to reserve your seat.

Thurs. Nov. 26

The doors open at 1:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Today, all seniors will want to hear R.C.M.P. Constable Markley speak on Financial Scams, Fraud Scams and Telemarketing. Refreshments will follow.

Fri. Nov. 27

This is the annual "Country Christmas Night" sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; the stores will be open until 11 p.m.

There will be beef-on-a-bun at the train station from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and cotton candy from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., all done by the Beavers and Cubs Scouting Groups.

There will be horse-drawn wagon rides from Didsbury Value Drug Mart to Victoria Square Mall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (weather permitting).

"Top Up The Trailer" in front of the train station, all donations to be distributed locally through the Didsbury Christmas Helpers. Have your picture taken with Santa at the train station from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be Christmas Turkey Draws at all participating stores displaying a picture of a turkey in their window. Watch for posters with all the details.

Sat. Nov. 28

This is the day of the Heritage Home Tour by the Didsbury Museum. The groups will visit five selected homes in Didsbury and then return to the museum for homemade soup, buns and goodies. Phone the museum (403) 335-9295 for tickets and more details; tour tickets are limited so phone now so you don't miss this tour.

The Mountainview Colts will play at 8 p.m. in the Didsbury Arena against the Blackfolds Ford Wranglers on Sun. Nov. 29; their game against the Coaldale Copperheads will start at 3:30 p.m. Your support will be duly appreciated.

Grandmothers' fundraiser raises thousands

SUBMITTED BY JEAN WHITTAKER

Last Saturday night the Carstairs Community Hall was the place to be. Three hundred people gathered to enjoy good food, great company and a marvelous dance band. Over \$10,000 was raised in the first fundraising gala organized by Grandmothers for Grandmothers Mountainview.

The tone for the evening was set by Chris Whittaker, MC for the evening, who indicated he could be bribed when making the decision as to which table should go first to eat.

At this point a bidding war opened. Over \$400 was raised just in deciding which table should eat first! There were a lot of generous people attending, including Tracy Pound who won the first door prize of \$2,000 - and promptly donated half of it back to Grannies.

However, as Stephen Lewis Foundation spokesperson Leah Teklemariam said, "This is not just about raising money - it is also about justice."

In a moving and informative after-dinner speech, Teklemariam related examples of how the Stephen Lewis Foundation is making a difference in sub-Saharan Africa.

What is "Grannies" all about? When Stephen Lewis

was asked by the United Nations to become its Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, he was astounded to find that, in many parts of sub-Saharan Africa grannies were the heart and soul of many families and communities.

This had occurred, not because they chose it, but because they had to. AIDS had eliminated huge chunks of the population, attacking those adults who were the parents and the workers, and leaving only children and their grandparents.

Stephen Lewis was so moved by this scenario played out millions of times across the continent, that he established a foundation to help these noble women, and, in what can only be described as an inspirational suggestion from his daughter, decided to enlist the support of Canadian grandmothers in the venture. In just three years over 240 grandmothers' groups have sprung up all over the country that have, to date, raised over \$6 million.

While G4G Mountain-view started in May 2008, this was their first major activity, and it proved to be a huge success - measured not only in the funds raised but also in the awareness generated. Many people left the community hall that night with lighter wallets and lighter hearts. Grandmothers for Grandmothers Mountainview can be reached through president Lynn Martens at (403) 337-3653.



Mark Laycock/Carstairs Courier

HEART-TO-HEART • Leah Teklemariam of the Stephen Lewis Foundation speaks to attendees of the the Grandmothers for Grandmothers Mountain View first annual fundraising event at the Carstairs Community Hall.

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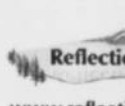
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Milne, Sheila Denise (nee Russell)

August 15, 1961 to October 31, 2009



Sheila passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, October 31, 2009. Loving wife of Dwayne, love of his life and best friend, precious mom to Jan and Joelle - her heart and soul, and proud grandma to 8-month-old Kash. Sheila was a caring and much-loved daughter to Pauline (Don McRae), to Mervyn (1935-2003) to her mother-in-law Anne and father-in-law Owen (1916-1992), and treasured sister of Val (Brian), Rhonda (Greg) and Donna (Garfield). Her family extended to include Dwayne's brother Duncan (Glenda), Audrey (Richard) and Lila (Mike). 12 nieces and nephews blessed her life and she was as proud an aunt as she was a mom. Her family always came first - period. Sheila (Mother She, Rooster, She) brought endless fun and laughter for many years to her Slowpitch teammates of the Cleavers and Dirty Mothers. She was an ace pitcher, all around-player and she enjoyed her time on the slowpitch diamond for 20+ seasons. She leaves an empty spot on the bench that will never be filled. An exceptionally skilled and compassionate LPN for 28 years, Sheila was admired by both patients and co-workers for her dedication to and passion for her profession. She was an exceptionally professional nurse who pursued extensive advanced training and education, but it was her passion, wit and humour while at work and her devotion to her patients' well-being that was most admired and respected. Sheila brought many a smile and much comfort to her patients when she walked into their rooms. When not with her family, playing slowpitch or at work, Sheila spent time with her dogs, and was deeply saddened when she lost Cleo and Cass. Never one to be without a pet, Jack had brought new enjoyment into her life. In camping season, Sheila could be found on her weekends off at the farm with Dwayne and various family members or friends. When the snow fell, she couldn't wait to get her skis out. Sheila was a best friend, friend and confidante. She was an athlete, a coach and a volunteer. Sheila was a woman of strength who gave the best of herself to everyone in her life, a woman of courage who accepted her challenges head on and a woman of spirit who embraced the wonders and marvels of life. Sheila has gone to meet her dad whom she missed so much and will now be at his side to watch over those she loves. Our hearts will always remember... we love you She. A farewell tribute to Sheila was Friday, November 6, 2009, Didsbury Memorial Complex. Service at 1:00 p.m. with a gathering of her family and friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a trust fund set up for Kash Milne at Didsbury ATB, or to the charity of one's choice. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



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100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries

CAMPBELL, PHYLLIS

Phyllis Audrey Campbell passed away suddenly on November 7, 2009. Phyllis was born July 26th, 1918 to Robert Edgar and Evalyne Charlton and was raised east of Carstairs on the Charlton family farm. Her days were spent like any typical farm child, going to a country school, doing chores and spending time with her siblings. Phyllis married George William Campbell on June 17, 1942 and for 57 years George and Phyllis farmed together east of Carstairs where they raised their six children and watched them grow and raise families of their own. Phyllis loved spending her Sundays cooking a big meal for all her children and their families, where the adults would gather for a big card game and the grandkids would spend the afternoon jumping on the bales, getting their quads stuck in the field, shooting gophers, or trying to catch Grandma without her hat! Phyllis was always up for any kind of card game, a game of scrabble, or a night out to play bingo. She was also known for her huge vegetable garden, her raspberry patch and her beautiful flower garden. She loved to spend time knitting and crocheting afghans, pillows and slippers for her family and there was almost always a jigsaw puzzle sitting on her kitchen table. Phyllis has been blessed with many things in her 91 years of life including six children: Margaret (Louis) Pride, Ken (Betty) Campbell, Ron (Lorraine) Campbell, Ross (Diann) Campbell, Shirley (Dennis) Shewkenek, and Mylene (Bruce) Papke, 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Evelyn Eckel, and Jean Bracken and by one brother, Ray Charlton. Phyllis also experienced the pain of losing her beloved husband George, her daughter-in-law Karen Campbell, her eldest grandson Darcy Pride, her parents and two siblings, Howard and Robert Charlton. When you met Phyllis you would have noticed her great sense of humor and maybe a bit of stubbornness both of which are often evident along her long bloodline! Knowing that her family is now raised and that her memory will live on, Phyllis can now lay her tired hands to rest. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to STARS or to a charity of the donor's choice. Upon Phyllis' request the family had a private graveside memorial on November 16, 2009.

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DOYLE, Hannah Margrethe Jensine (Sande) 1910 - 2009

Hannah passed away peacefully Nov. 3 at Lake Country Lodge, Kelowna B.C. She was born on the homestead in Bergen to Sigvart and Johanna Sande, the oldest of four girls. Hannah married Eric Doyle in 1953 and resided in the Sundre area for most of her 99 years. She was predeceased by her husband, and her sisters Selma and Bessie. She is survived by one sister Irene Bliss of Kelowna, and many nieces and nephews. Family and friends are invited to join in a memorial for Hannah to be held in the Bergen Missionary Church on Nov. 21 at 1 p.m.

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c/o Facility Services Department
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140. Births 140. Births

Proud Grandparents Martin & Heather Foster along with Great Grandparents Frank & Jean Bracken wish to announce the arrivals of their 3 new grandchildren:

A baby girl for Marlene (Foster) & Steve Eschner
Ryenne Jahlen Eschner
Born Sept. 19, 2009
5 lbs 4 oz

Proud Grandparents Jeorgen & Joanne Eschner.

A baby boy for Marsha Foster & Tysan Johnson & a little brother for Mikayla Ryder Kelly Johnson
Born Oct. 12, 2009
6 lbs 13 oz

Proud Grandma Vicky Johnson.

A baby boy for Laura (Pochapsky) & Russell Foster
Tallen Russell Foster
Born Nov. 2, 2009
7 lbs 8 oz

Proud Grandparents Lee & Wilma Pochapsky.

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REWARD

for the return of
our large,
orange,
longhaired male
cat. Lost Nov.
10 2009 around
20 Ave.

Any info greatly appreciated. He might be in a shed or garage. His name is Bandit. We need to know what happened to him.
PLEASE call 403-335-4824

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58 Silver Lynx Park, Olds

Nicely maintained 1289 sq ft home on rented lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, corner gas fireplace, great shed/workshop, priced right



\$119,900

1909 - 17 Street

Lovely maintenance free living, new hardwood floors, new paint and baseboards, 2 bedrooms, main floor laundry, double garage, reasonable HOA fees



\$244,900

1404 - 22 Street

Beautiful 2 year old home, fully finished, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, jetted tub, hardwood, kitchen island, walk-in closet in master, just move on in!



\$339,900

12 Dollarie Dr. Carstairs

Brand new home, 1748 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, main floor laundry, great ensuite with soaker tub, huge rear deck, large yard



\$369,600 plus net GST

2029 - 22 Avenue

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\$218,900

1269 - 23 Avenue

Beautiful 45+ unit with no condo fees! vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, bonus room, finished basement



\$329,900

1609 - 15A Street

Very well kept home, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, gas fireplace, air conditioning, large yard, well priced!



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#2, 2200 - 7 Avenue

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34 Westpoint Drive

Gorgeous family home! 2+2 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 sided gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, hardwood, fully finished with in-floor heat in basement, great location, and much more!



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2102 - 20 Street

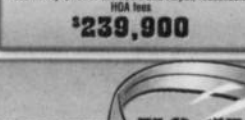
Great commercial opportunity! 5 commercial lots on busy mainstreet in Didsbury, 130' X 130' total



\$275,000

1918 - 16 Street

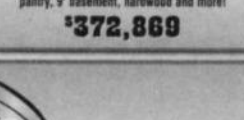
Just move in and enjoy maintenance free living, 2+1 bedrooms, gas fireplace, granite countertops, newer tile floors and carpet, reasonable HOA fees



\$239,900

1553 McAlpine Street, Carstairs

Brand new home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, vaulted ceilings, walk-through pantry, 9' basement, hardwood and more!



\$372,869

20 Westheights Drive



Immaculate home! Country kitchen plus formal dining, wood burning fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large pie lot, double garage, great location

\$279,900

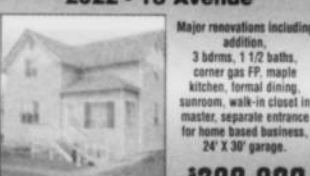
11 Meadowview Court



1259 sq ft fully developed home, vaulted ceilings, huge pantry, hardwood floors, large master, in-floor heat in basement, 2 tiered deck

\$349,900

2022 - 18 Avenue



Major renovations including addition, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, corner gas FP, maple kitchen, formal dining, sunroom, walk-in closet in master, separate entrance for home based business, 24' X 30' garage.

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18 Valarosa Cove



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